



The Lake Fern Montessorian

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Thoughts from Tyka

News for all LFMA families!

It is hard to believe that the school year is beginning to wind down already. I simply cannot believe how quickly this year has flown by and although we still have 7 weeks left before summer, we have to begin preparing for the summer term so that we can staff it appropriately. Summer registration forms will be available in the foyer and must be filled out for each child who will be attending the summer term. This is a different form than the 2016-2017 registration form and does not require a registration fee. We try to be extremely flexible during the summer to accommodate our families' varying schedules and therefore will allow full or half day attendance for as few or as many days as you would like. It is critical; however, that you fill out the form in its entirety including the days and times you need care. We may adjust our opening and closing times based on the summer registration forms, so please be as thorough as possible.

Class pictures will be on Wednesday, April 6th beginning at 8:30 a.m. Please make sure your child is here on time as we cannot wait for students who are late to school. All students should wear uniform pants, shorts, or skirts in khaki, navy blue, or black and a solid colored navy blue shirt. Girls may wear a navy blue romper if they wish.

Our end of the year field trip will be to the Kennedy Space Center on Friday, May 18th. This field trip is open to the entire school and a parent is required to attend as teachers will not be chaperoning for this trip. More information will be coming home shortly.

Have a wonderful April!

Mrs. Price's Class News

Happy April!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Spring Break. It seemed like the students were ready to get back into class after their time off and they were definitely excited to see the new works on the shelves. With no more days off until summer, the last several weeks will certainly be packed full and busy.

This month, we will focus on the animal kingdoms. Students will learn about many species of animals and the characteristics that make them each unique. They will learn about animal behavior and anatomy and study the habitats in which they live. Students will do various art projects and have the opportunity to explore tons of new works in science.

In Geography, we will take a closer look at Europe. The children will have the opportunity to discover interesting facts about various countries in Europe and learn about the plants, animals, and people that live there.

This month we will listen to the Carnival of the Animals by composer Camille Saint-Saens and study some of the artistic works of Michelangelo. We will also complete a poetry unit in literature.

We will be having class pictures taken on Wednesday, April 6th. Please have students wear navy blue shirts and uniform colored bottoms. Please do not be late! We will start pictures promptly at 8:30 and if your child is late, she may miss out on being photographed with her class.

This month's field trip will be to the Brevard Zoo with the VPK class on Friday, April 15th. Please be sure to turn your field trip form in no later than April 8th. THANKS!

Mrs. Jennifer's Class News

Happy April! I hope that everyone had a fantastic Spring Break! We had an amazing first week back. The children were so excited to come back, see their friends and teachers, and explore all the new works on the shelves! We are very excited to finish off the last two months with fresh work and new lessons.

This month, we will start studying Dinosaurs in Science and we will work on transferring water in Practical Life. We will be focusing on the letters "W", "E", "V", "Q", and "U".

Please make sure to turn in your Brevard Zoo Field Trip forms no later than Friday, April 8th. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Jenn! Also, this month we will be sending home forms for our last field trip to the Kennedy Space Center. A parent is required to attend this field trip, as teachers will not be chaperoning.

On Wednesday, April 6th we will have our Class Pictures. PLEASE make sure your child is here NO LATER than 8:30 AM. The photographer will be getting started shortly after and it goes by quick! If your child is not here when it's our time, they will miss group pictures! Please have your child in a navy blue shirt and khaki, navy, or black shorts, pants, skirts, or jumper.

This month we will be putting out registration forms for summer. There is NO FEE required to register, but if you are in need of care over summer break please fill out a registration form. This is a different form than last month! For summer, you have the option of 2, 3, 4, or 5 days a week. If you know of a planned vacation, please mark it on the form. Also, please put the approximate times care will be needed, as we will adjust our opening and closing times based on need.

Thank you and have a great April!

April hath put a spirit of youth in everything.
William Shakespeare

If your child will be attending our summer session, please fill out and turn in a summer registration form as soon as possible. There is no registration fee for the summer, but we need to know how many students will be attending and the days/ hours they need care in order to staff the classes properly and possibly adjust the summer opening and closing times. Thanks so much!

Mrs. Pittman's Class News

Wow! April already! This year has flown by! March was a busy but great month. The students covered a lot of material and I have heard how much they love having Mrs. Manley back to visit. I cannot thank her, Mrs. Wyckoff and Ms. Thomas enough for all their hard work while I have been out. April will be another full month as we try to finish up units and prepare for CTBS testing the first week of May (May2-6 for your scheduling purposes). Also, group pictures will be Wednesday, April 6th. We will let you know by dojo what color uniform shirt to wear.

All of our students will be continuing their explorations into geometry this month during our Math lessons. As well as continuing on with decimals, percentages and word problems. In Language Arts the students will be getting an introduction into sentence diagramming. This will allow for some review of parts of speech and for the students to see it in a different way that may help them put it all together better. I look forward to seeing how they like it. In Science we are continuing our Biology Unit with study into plants and ecosystems. In Social Studies we will be studying Native Peoples of North America. Lastly, in Literature, we will be starting a new book, Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech. The students will again be responsible for a daily journal of their reading. The dates they are to read and the pages they are to read are already filled out in the journal for them. They should be reading and completing their journal each day. Most days there will be time for this in class. However, on days there is not time in class they should be bringing it home for homework; they are still responsible for completing that day's journal. I look forward to class discussions about this book!

Mr. Price's Class News

Here we are, the final stretch!

We only have about seven weeks left! In social studies we are moving into studies on economics. During this study, students will learn about fundamentals about different economics systems as well as principles that we use on a day to day basis.

In science, we will begin our yearly study on basic principles of physical science. These studies focus on scientific basics such as gravity, energy, mass, and motions. We will also study simple machines and use them to build and understand more complex machines.

I will be assigning a Rube Goldberg project due Friday, April 29TH. Over the next couple of weeks, I will be sending home a formal rubric for what they will need. Keep your eye out!

During the last week of the month (April 25TH to 29TH), we are doing standardized test prep in preparation for students to take the Terra Nova during the first week of May. Remember, **picture day** is Wednesday, April 6TH, please remember to wear **navy blue** and be at school **no later than 8:30**.

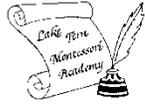
Dates to Remember in April:

Group Picture (wear Navy Blue)- Wednesday, April 6TH.



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Lake Fern Montessori Academy

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